



## NEWS RELEASE

**For Immediate Release**

Contact: TeAnne Chennault

213.787.8234 (work)

301.343.0742 (cell)

tchennault@enterprisecommunity.org

### **Affordable Housing Finance Lauds Enterprise Executive**

(Columbia, MD – June 24, 2009) - Dana Bourland, vice president of Green Initiatives, Enterprise Community Partners, was recently named one of *Affordable Housing Finance* magazine's 2009 Young Leaders. *Affordable Housing Finance* is a nationwide business-to-business magazine serving the affordable housing industry. This annual award honors the next generation of leaders in the affordable housing and community development field.

“Dana has led Enterprise Green Communities since its inception five years ago and has helped turn green, affordable housing into a near industry standard,” said Naomi Bayer, senior vice president of national initiatives and innovation, Enterprise Community Partners.

In 2004, Enterprise Green Communities, the first national, green affordable housing standard, was intended to help create more than 8, 500 healthy, energy-efficient homes for people with low-incomes. Within five years, the initiative surpassed the original goal by having invested in more than 14,500 homes in 350 affordable housing properties nationwide. The Green Communities Criteria remain the only national standard for green affordable housing and have been adopted by more than 20 cities and states. The Criteria were recently included as a requirement in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Notice of Funding Allocation (NOFA) as a threshold requirement under Category 4 for public housing authorities seeking grants for new construction and substantial rehabilitation.

“I am honored that my peers and *Affordable Housing Finance* magazine recognize the work Enterprise and its partners have accomplished to bring the health, economic and environmental benefits of green building into the affordable housing sector,” said Bourland. “We are committed to making green and affordable one and the same in all of the communities we serve.”

Bourland was recently named one of *Fast Company* magazine's 2009 “Most Influential Women in Technology.” Urban Land Institute and the *Financial Times* magazine honored Enterprise Green Communities with a 2008 Sustainable Cities Awards for exhibiting new ideas and perspectives for best practices in sustainable land use. For more information on Green Communities, go to [www.greencommunitiesonline.org](http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org).

###

**Enterprise** is a leading provider of the development capital and expertise it takes to create decent, affordable homes and rebuild communities. For more than 25 years, Enterprise has introduced neighborhood solutions through public-private partnerships with financial institutions, governments, community organizations and others that share our vision. Enterprise has raised and invested more than \$10 billion in equity, grants and loans to help build or preserve more than a quarter million affordable rental and for-sale homes to create vital communities. Enterprise is currently investing in communities at a rate of \$1 billion a year. Visit [www.enterprisecommunity.org](http://www.enterprisecommunity.org) and [www.enterprisecommunity.com](http://www.enterprisecommunity.com) to learn more about Enterprise's efforts to build communities and opportunity.